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### **PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** **under C.F.R. § 1.136(a)**

Sir:

For replying to the Office action dated **September 20, 2006** in the patent application identified above, Applicant(s) hereby requests an extension of time of **one three months**, from **December 20, 2006** to **March 20, 2007**.

Accompanying the EFS Web submission of this paper is an authorization to charge to a credit card the \$1020 fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(3) for reply within the third month.

Respectfully submitted,

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